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SUBJECT: SENAT ANNOUNCES SAVINGS ON PERSONNEL COSTS FOR 1976

1. SENAT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT DURING THIRD QUARTER OF 1976 IT LEFT UNOCCUPIED FOR SIX-MONTH PERIOD 1,424 OF THE E,195 SENAT JOBS (INCLUDING JOBS IN PUBLICLY OWNED ENTERPRISES) WHICH BECAME VACANT FOR VARIOUS REASONS DURING THIS PERIOD, RESULTING IN BUDGETARY SAVINGS OF DM 22 MILLION. SIMILAR STEPS TAKEN DURING FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF THE YEAR HAD RESULTED IN SAVINGS OF DM 25 MILLION, FOR TOTAL OF 47 MILLION FOR FIRST THREE QUARTERS.

2. COMMENT: SENAT'S MEASURE WAS IN RESPONSE TO INCREASING PRESSURE FROM BONN FOR ECONOMY IN BERLIN GOVERNMENT. IT MAY ALSO BE SEEN AS A USEFUL WARMUP EXERCISE FOR EFFORT TO ELIMINATE 2,600 POSITIONS FROM ROLLS OF SENAT (128,000 EMPLOYEES) AND SENAT-OWNED ENTERPRISES (26,000 EMPLOYEES) BY 1980 AS ANNOUNCED IN NOVEMBER. THERE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INITIAL STEPS IN THE PERMANENT-REDUCTION PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH A GOOD DEAL OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION AS TO WHERE CUTS SHOULD AND SHOULD NOT BE MADE HAS TAKEN PLACE. GEORGE

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